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NOT SATISFIED; WANT REFORMS

Committee to Recom- mend Changes in Cap- itol Management.

PUT ALL EMPLOYES UNDER ONE CONTROL

Abolish Convict Labor From the Capitol Buildings—Give Land Records to State Librar- ian, and Broader Au- thority to Super- intendents.

Sweeping and in some respects revolutionary reforms in the provision for the care and management of the public grounds and buildings of the State will be suggested in a report to be submitted to the General Assembly to-day by a special joint committee appointed last week at the instance of Senator Sadler, of Powhatan, to conduct a thorough investigation and return such recommendations as might be deemed advisable to effect an upheaval commonly recognized as necessary.

While the report will contain no direct criticism of any official, great or small, it will fairly bristle with suggestions of changes that call attention to conditions held to be objectionable and avoidable. Blame will be attached to no individuals, it is understood, but alleged shoddy methods, referring to lack of a well-governed system, will be abolished and absolute control of the entire staff of employees will be vested in the Superintendent of Public Grounds and Buildings, who at this time manages but a small section of the force. Concentration of authority will be the keynote of the report. Various other recommendations of a minor character will be included. A summary of the entire list might be given as follows:

- Separation of offices of Register of Land Office and Superintendent of Public Grounds and Buildings.
- Vesting of management of all janitors, engineers, police and other employees in superintendent.
- Transfer of duties of Register of Land Office to State Librarian.
- Removal of convict labor from Capitol Square and substitution of free labor.
- Installation of electric arc lights in Capitol Square in place of ancient gas lamps.
- Improvements in Library building necessary to insure cleanliness and protect books.
- Changes in light and power plant made necessary by inconveniences resulting from present arrangement.
- Thorough Inspection.

Thorough inspections of all grounds and buildings have been made by the committee within the past few days, and while the precise conclusions reached have not been made public, the report is made to-day, it is possible as the result of careful inquiries made last night to indicate more particularly than has yet been done the full scope of the recommendations to be made. The committee is composed of the Honorable Messrs. Byrd, Catton and Green of the House of Delegates. The report covers several typewritten pages. That portion of it dealing with the public building is said to be divided into twelve clauses, each referring to a specific subject.

Belief on the part of certain members of both houses that lack of proper system for which no individual employee was responsible, but which was resulting in a state of affairs demanding a change, led to the appointment of the committee, and from what can be gathered the nature of the report will clearly indicate that this belief was not unfounded. The important change recommended is, of course, the division of the offices of Register of Land Office and Superintendent of Public Grounds and Buildings. Not only are the duties of these two offices essentially different, but it is claimed that under the new system the superintendent, who will, of course, be the incumbent, Colonel J. W. Richardson, will have all he can do to direct the men under him.

All Janitors Under One Control.

At the present time practically each department—Governor's offices, Comptroller Commission, Library, Supreme Court, Department of Agriculture and others—has its own janitor, more or less independent of the superintendent, and responsible directly to the heads of the departments in which he works. Some confusion and annoyance has resulted from this arrangement. Under the recommendations of the committee, Colonel Richardson would hereafter have absolute control, with power to employ and discharge, all janitors and other employees. Bills carrying out the recommendations of the committee in this respect, defining the number and salaries of employees, will be introduced at once, to follow up the reports. About half a dozen negro convicts have been kept regularly at work in the Capitol grounds and buildings, the striped figures being anything but ornamental. In the ground that the use of convict labor is not only degrading to the number and salaries of employees, but inefficiency on the part of other employees, the committee recommends the substitution of free labor.

Better Care of Buildings.

Various recommendations will be made to the General Assembly to-day by the committee, and it is believed that the President would select Judge Lunsford L. Lewis, who was for several years judge of the Supreme Court of Appeals of Virginia.

INVESTIGATION OPEN TO PUBLIC

Lanier Affair Will be Flooded With Light.

SESSIONS BEGIN ON NEXT MONDAY

Delegate R. E. Byrd is Chairman. List of Witnesses to Be Ex- amined—Those Chiefly Concerned Will Be Allowed Coun- sel.

Speaker Cardwell yesterday announced the House contingent on the joint committee to investigate the circumstances surrounding the dismissal of A. L. Lanier, lately a clerk in the Corporation Commission, and the joint body held a meeting at 3 o'clock and outlined a plan of action.

The full membership of the committee is as follows:

Delegates Richard E. Byrd, of Winchester; Charles A. Johnston, of Montgomery; and N. B. Early, Jr., of Greene; Senators F. W. Sims, of Loudoun, and J. Boyd Sears, of Mathews.

Mr. Byrd was made chairman, and it was unanimously decided to have the sessions open to the public.

The first session will be held Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock, and the body will meet each day thereafter at the same hour until the inquiry is concluded, holding night sessions beginning at 8 o'clock.

The plan and scope of the inquiry was fully outlined, and it was determined to permit the parties who may be affected to have counsel if they shall so desire. At this time they decline to say what will be their course with reference to the matter but it is believed that they will all have strong counsel. The plan outlined is that the chairman shall first interrogate the witnesses and then they may be asked any questions that are desired by either the parties to the proceedings or their attorneys.

Who Will Be Summoned.

The witnesses now in the minds of the committee are Judge Beverley T. Crump, chairman of the commission; Commissioner Henry C. Stuart, former Commissioner Henry Fairfax, Clerk John A. Usher, Former Assistant Clerk A. S. Lanier and Former Clerk A. M. Tyler and J. W. Newby. The inquiry may develop the need for the attendance of other witnesses, and if so they will be summoned. So far no clerk has been chosen, but one of the regular House or Senate clerks will be designated, and a stenographer will be employed.

The sessions will be held in the courtroom of the Corporation Commission, and inasmuch as they will be public, there will be plenty of visitors.

The inquiry promises to be interesting from the start.

Judge Crump Ready.

It has been welcomed by Judge Crump in public statements, over-repeated, and those who know the circumstances attending the matter do not believe the inquiry will cast any reflection upon him. From what can be gathered the investigation will not be altogether one-sided, and there are liable to come out some things before the committee not heretofore fully made public, and if the report of the inquiry is not incorrectly read they will not tend to harm those whom the inquiry is said to be aimed at.

FEDERAL AND STATE TROOPS CELEBRATE

(By Associated Press.)
CHARLESTON, S. C., February 22.—Washington's birthday was duly celebrated in Charleston, this being the national holiday best observed in this section. A parade was made by the local militia this afternoon, in which the three companies of coast artillery from Fort Moultrie and post band took part. The Third Regiment and attached troops were in line. The troops were reviewed by Adjutant and Inspector General Frost and Colonel E. B. Fuller, United States Army. To-night the Washington Light Infantry and the naval militia are enjoying entertainments. The Daughters of the Revolution are giving a grand ball to-night, and there are various other social features.

JUDGE LEWIS MAY GO HIGHER IN JUDICIARY

Should Senator Simmons's Bill Become a Law Another Circuit Judge is Provided.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., February 22.—Senator Simmons, of North Carolina, introduced a bill to-day providing that another circuit judge be appointed for the fourth judicial circuit, composed of the States of Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, and North and South Carolina. This circuit is the only one in the United States that has but two judges. It is presided over by the Chief Justice, and the circuit judges are Judges Goff, of West Virginia, and Pritchard, of North Carolina.

It is said that there is scarcely a doubt that the appointment of the additional judge will be agreed to by Congress. North Carolina and West Virginia have the two judgeships at present. South Carolina had one for twenty-five years when Judge Pritchard was appointed. It would seem that Maryland and Virginia is pretty certain to get the one to be created by Senator Simmons's bill. In case the appointment would go to Virginia, it is believed that the President would select Judge Lunsford L. Lewis, who was for several years judge of the Supreme Court of Appeals of Virginia.



SECRETARY HAS POWER OF CZAR

Naval Head Can Dismiss Ameri- can Midshipmen When He Pleases.

SENATE REPEALS HAZING LAW

Passes Bill Giving Authority for Courts-Martial Under Certain Conditions.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, February 22.—Knox's hazing bill and long expected railroad rate bill was ordered in the Senate to-day, and because of the exceptional interest in the subject, was accorded the unusual privilege of a reading at length, for the information of senators on the day of introduction. Close attention was given to the reading of the bill. In a brief statement, Mr. Knox said that he did not hope to have the Committee on Interstate Commerce, do more than consider the bill as affording light on the question of court-martialing the findings of the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Has Paramount Power.

The bill gives authority to the secretary of the navy to dismiss at any time a midshipman whose presence he considers for any cause, contrary to the best interests of the service, but the accused has the right to demand a court-martial. It repeals the existing law requiring the dismissal of midshipmen found guilty of hazing; gives authority for court-martials for hazing, under certain conditions, and authorizes graduation sentences under the acts of July 22, 1874 and of March 3, 1897, requires all instructors and officers at the Naval Academy to report offenses to the superintendent and defines hazing as the unauthorized assumption of authority by one midshipman over another.

Mr. Fullman presented a petition for relief from alleged discrimination forwarded to him by the Independent Oil Refiners Association, of Titusville and Oil City, Pa. In the petition a group of independent oil refiners cases which have been pending for over seventeen years are cited, as "showing what a travesty on protection is represented in the pres-

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VIRGINIA HONORS GREATEST SON

The Natal Day of George Washington Observed as a General Holiday

MAMMOTH PARADE IN ALEXANDRIA

United States Troops and Vir- ginia State Guard March in the Line Together—The Richmond Ritz Witzers Hold Prominent Place.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
ALEXANDRIA, VA., February 22.—The birthday anniversary of Virginia's greatest son, George Washington, was celebrated here to-day with a mammoth parade, largely military, and comprising the United States troops from Fort Meyer, United States Marines artillery and infantry from the National Guard at Washington, and a large array of Virginia State troops prominent, among which were the Richmond Howitzers, Captain Meyers in command, Company A of the Seventeenth Virginia regiment, Captain William M. King commanding, and Company B, under command of Captain Miller.

The Parade.

The parade was a grand military and till pageant that wended its way through the principal streets and sunshine, music and cheers of the populace followed at every side with band concerts and banquets.

The public demonstration this year surpasses in the thoroughness with which all the details were worked out, and in the number of participants any of the numerous celebrations that Alexandria has had in the past hundred years. The people of Alexandria know how to handle a function of the kind now going on within their gates, and it is safe to say that all the many thousands of strangers now in Alexandria will return home feeling that they have been well entertained.

Great Throng.

The throngs began to arrive yesterday evening, every train from the surrounding counties of Virginia and Maryland bringing its quota of visitors until all the

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DAN CUPID WINS FROM MRS. CLARK

God of Love Guides Daughter of Wythe County Through Marital Mountains.

EQUINES EQUAL TO SITUATION

Miss Elizabeth Clark and F. M. Tate Marry While Jehu Ap- plies the Whip.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
BRISTOL, TENN., February 22.—A romantic marriage was consummated here at midnight to-night, when Miss Elizabeth Clark, a beautiful young woman from Max Meadows, Wythe county, became the bride of F. M. Tate, an employee of the commissary department of the South and Western Railway at Clinchport. Miss Clark arrived here an hour before the wedding. Finding that she was shadowed by her mother, who was bitterly opposed to the match, she fled her lover to have a carriage in readiness. But Mrs. Clark adopted similar tactics and also wired for a carriage. When the train arrived Miss Clark left the Pullman car on the opposite side from the depot, and this gave her and her lover an advantage, but soon both carriages were on the street, and a wild run was made by the bride and groom. In whose carriage was also a minister, Rev. W. H. T. Squires, of the Central Presbyterian Church. The plan was to be married in the postoffice lobby, but the pursuing carriage kept so close after the couple that the minister was obliged to perform the ceremony in the carriage while the horses were in a gallop, and after the carriage had wound about on many streets.

JURIST MAKES SOLEMN PROMISE TO MAIDEN

(By Associated Press.)
MONTGOMERY, ALA., February 22.—Miss Mamie Odell, stenographer in the office of Governor Jelks, and a notary public, to-day administered the oath of office to Samuel D. Weakley as chief justice of the Supreme Court of Alabama. In the oath taken by Mr. Weakley he swore he has never been engaged in a duel or carried a challenge, nor will he do so as long as he retains the office.

Death of Missionary.

MONTGOMERY, ALA., February 22.—Miss Lizzie E. Wimble, a native of Montgomery, and one of the best known Southern woman missionaries of the Presbyterian Church in the Orient, died this morning in Kobe, Japan. Miss Wimble was fifty-one years of age and had been engaged in foreign mission work since 1887.

AN EARLY FROST NIPS TOM LAWSON'S BUDD

State Senator Armstrong, of New York, Tells the Newspaper Men That Lawson Loses.

(By Associated Press.)
ALBANY, N. Y., February 22.—The report of the Armstrong special insurance investigating committee which was passed in both houses of the Legislature to-day was accompanied by eight bills designed to carry into effect in detail the recommendations of the committee.

In a statement made to newspaper men before the presentation of the report, Senator Armstrong said he hoped to have passed before April 15th the bill which will defer the annual elections in the mutual companies from April 15 to November 15. This, it is believed, probably would nullify all proxies obtained up to this time by Thomas W. Lawson and the policyholders committee of State governors and others, as well as those which the management of the companies themselves have been gathering through their agents.

POLICY HOLDERS NOT PROTECTED

Investigators Ask New York Assembly for Re- medial Legislation.

PUBLICITY FOR ALL BUSINESS

Life Insurance Committee Makes Its Report and Recommends Many Regulations, Includ- ing the Elimination of New Busi- nesses.

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, February 22.—The committee appointed at the last session of the New York Legislature to investigate life insurance, made its report to-day. The report is extremely voluminous, extending to 319 printed pages. It embraces a long review of the testimony taken by the committee and its recommendations and conclusions as to remedial legislation. In addition there is a chapter devoted to the State Insurance Department in which the committee declares that it would seem that the superintendent of the department had had ample power to ascertain the transactions of insurance companies, but that the supervision of the department has not proved a sufficient protection against extravagance and maladministration. Instances are given of reports made on the affairs of the Mutual Life Insurance Company, the New York Life Insurance Company and the Equitable Life Assurance Society, in which nothing was brought out to show the conditions developed in the testimony given before the committee.

No substantial amplification of the powers of the department seems necessary, according to the committee, which holds that most of the evils which have been disclosed by the investigation would have been impossible had there been a vigorous performance of the duties already laid upon the insurance department.

Remedial Legislation.

The remedial legislation recommended by the committee provides for the safeguarding of the rights of policyholders in mutual companies, in the election of directors, recommends that stock companies be given authority to retire their stock and become mutual companies, but that such mutualization shall not be compulsory; various regulations are urged to prevent unwise investments and improper contracts; the committee also advocates the prohibition of contributions by insurance companies to political purposes; lobby influence is condemned, and the wisdom of economical management is urged, but the committee does not deem it advisable that the Legislature should attempt to prescribe the expenditures of insurance companies.

Further recommendations are made on the valuation of policies, surrender values, surplus, forms or policies and publicity of all facts pertaining to a company's business. An amendment to the penal code is recommended to provide that the person receiving a rebate should be equally guilty with the one who gives it.

In its detailed report of the investigation of the companies, the committee says the accounts of the Mutual Life Insurance Company should be thoroughly examined in order that the extent to which money has been misappropriated and the responsibility for any misapplication which may be shown may be determined.

Concerning the New York Life Insurance Company, the committee found that its transactions with Andrew Hamilton showed extraordinary abuses, and that the statement sent from Paris by Hamilton was without suitable qualifications.

Tells of Disclosures.

In taking up the Equitable Life Assurance Society, the committee tells of the dissensions last February, which resulted in the reorganization of that society, and in the disclosures which brought the legislative inquiry. The syndicate operations of the Equitable and James H. Hyde, and the relations between the society and Kuhn, Loeb and Company, as brought out in testimony before the committee, are referred to at considerable length, as also the \$50,000,000 Union Pacific pool under the management of E. H. Harriman, Jacob H. Schiff and James Stillman. Participation in this pool by the Equitable, the committee holds, was clearly an improper transaction for an insurance company.

Former Governor Odell's shipbuilding suit against the Mercantile Trust Company, which was settled by that company, is treated of the committee holding that the circumstances of the introduction of the Adler bill might have been sufficient to induce that settlement on the part of the officers of the trust company through insurance company.

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NEW POSTOFFICE WELL FORTIFIED

Senate Will Take Care of Richmond if House Doesn't.

WILL CONFIRM CAPTAIN STUART

Serious Charges May Pile Up Against Newport News Col- lector, Yet His Name Will Pass Muster With Sufficiently Wise Ones.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., February 22.—Virginia is going to fare all right in the matter of appropriations for new public buildings, in case a bill is reported from the committee. It is understood that it has been decided that a bill, carrying from twelve to fifteen million dollars, shall be reported, as was stated in this correspondence about the time of the adjournment for the Christmas holidays.

The Committee on Public Buildings and the Committee on Rivers and Harbors are close corporations, in the sense that the members are more careful about giving information concerning the intentions of their committees than are committees generally. There is reason to believe, however, that the bill making an appropriation of eight hundred thousand will be started this session—that is, that an initial appropriation of from fifty thousand to one hundred thousand will be made by the omnibus public buildings bill this year, with the understanding that it is to be extended in beginning work on a building to cost, eventually, eight hundred thousand dollars.

Senate Favors Building.

"I think there is a good chance of such an appropriation being made," said a member of the committee to The Times-Dispatch correspondent to-day. "This is between us, and you must not use my name in connection with the statement. I believe that even if the House committee refuses to incorporate in the bill an item for the Capitol building, it would not be knocked out of the office. If it is in the Senate, I can assure you that it will come back to the House with the Richmond item added. I shall fight to have it retained. The sentiment among members of the House in favor of a public building bill is strong, and they would not mind an appropriation of some thousands for the purpose of initiating work on the Richmond postoffice."

Senator Martin contemplates the probability of the House committee refusing to yield to Representative Lamb, and making provision for the Richmond office. In such case, he will, of course, have the bill amended so as to include the item for Richmond, and then he and Captain Lamb will unite to prevent having it knocked out in the committee of conference.

At present does not contemplate any change from the present site. Captain Lamb would prefer to see the postoffice taken "out from down under the hill," as he expressed it, and erected on Broad Street, but Senator Martin adheres to the present site as being more convenient to the greater number of patrons of the office. They are not raising the question of change of site now, lest to do so would endanger the appropriation.

Good All Around.

There is absolute assurance given that Virginia will fare exceedingly well in case an omnibus public buildings bill is reported. Mr. Glass has been assured that his bill for \$5,000,000 for the improvement and enlargement of the postoffice building at Roanoke will be taken care of, and Mr. Hay's measure for a new building at Winchester will be incorporated in the general bill. The building at Lynchburg will be enlarged, a matter which is extremely important to the postoffice at that place. The bill for the past, and Mr. Maynard expects a favorable appropriation for the building at Portsmouth. Whether Captain Lamb will get his new building at Manchester remains to be seen. It is an additional doubt cast on the fate of this bill by the movement to unite Manchester with Richmond.

Representative Jones is elated at the prospect of getting fifty thousand for a new building at Fredericksburg, which is badly needed. A delegation of prominent Fredericksburgers, consisting of Colonel E. Dorsey Cole, Judge A. T. Embury and Mr. Jones, one of the leading merchants of the city, were before the committee recently, and were introduced by Mr. Jones. The attitude of the committee was so favorable that the delegation and also Mr. Jones were delighted.

The President and several of the cabinet, and members of the Senate and House, are expected to go to Fredericksburg about the first of April to attend the unveiling of the monument to General Hugh Mercer. The exact date of the unveiling has not been fixed. The statue is complete and in position. The day will be an event in the history of one of the most historic towns in the United States.

Colonel John S. Mosby, the celebrated Confederate cavalryman, has about completed a volume, entitled "Stuart's Cavalry in the Gettysburg Campaign." The work will be brought out by the Macmillan's probably in September. A short time before the unveiling of the statue of General Stuart, in Richmond, it is said that the book, which will not be a large one, will contain some interesting, important and hitherto unprinted facts of the great campaign, culminating in the battle of Gettysburg.

Stuart Seem Safe.

A veteran who served under General Stuart, said to-day that he had been informed that the equestrian statue of the great soldier, which has been cast in the shops at Providence, R. I., is pronounced by two of his commands, to be more familiar with his features, to be an excellent likeness. The two old veterans are alluded to went to Providence to see the statue.

It is believed the Senate will confirm the nomination of Captain Jeb Stuart to the collectorship of the port of Newport News. While it is a matter of the visit of Commissioner Greeley, one of the most serious nominations to Newport

OCTOGENARIAN FOUND DESTITUTE AND DYING

George Hoff, 86 Years Old, Vir- ginian and West Point Gradu- ate in Dire Straights.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
PITTSBURG, PA., February 22.—George Hoff, aged eighty-six years, was found lying on the pavement on Everett Street early this morning by a policeman. The old man had fallen on the street from exhaustion, hunger and exposure, after having walked the greater part of the distance from Fairfax, Va., to this city. He was on his way to Dauphin county, Pa., his old home, where he hoped to find a refuge in the Soldiers' Home at Harrisburg.

Hoff declared at the police station that he was a graduate of West Point, where he became well acquainted with U. S. Grant, Jefferson Davis, Robert E. Lee, Winfield Scott and Zachary Taylor. He also served through the Civil War as a lieutenant in the Third United States Infantry. Although once wealthy, he says he lost everything through the crookedness of a relative in Fairfax, and now, on the brink of the grave, is compelled to seek shelter in the Soldiers' Home. He is being cared for here, and will be sent to Harrisburg.

THE WEATHER

Forecast: Virginia—Fair, warmer Friday and Saturday; winds becoming south and fresh.

North Carolina—Fair, warmer Friday; Saturday, fair; warmer in east portion; winds becoming south and fresh.

Conditions Yesterday.

Richmond's weather was clear and moderate. Range of the thermometer:	
9 A. M.	42
12 M.	48
3 P. M.	54
(Average)	(46-54)

Highest temperature yesterday.

Lowest temperature yesterday.	36
Mean temperature yesterday.	48
Normal temperature for February.	45
Departure from normal temperature.	-12

Conditions in Important Cities.

Place.	(At 5 P. M., Eastern Time.)	Temp.	Wind.	Weather.
Alexandria, Va.	42	68	Clear	
Richmond, Va.	42	68	Clear	
Charlottesville, Va.	42	68	Clear	
Chesapeake, Va.	42	68	Clear	
Washington, D. C.	42	68	Clear	
Philadelphia, Pa.	42	68	Clear	
New York City	42	68	Clear	
Baltimore, Md.	42	68	Clear	
Indianapolis, Ind.	42	68	Clear	
Cincinnati, Ohio	42	68	Clear	
St. Louis, Mo.	42	68	Clear	
Chicago, Ill.	42	68	Clear	
Pittsburgh, Pa.	42	68	Clear	
Cleveland, Ohio	42	68	Clear	
Buffalo, N. Y.	42	68	Clear	
Albany, N. Y.	42	68	Clear	
Syracuse, N. Y.	42	68	Clear	
Portland, Me.	42	68	Clear	
Boston, Mass.	42	68	Clear	
Washington, D. C.	42	68	Clear	
Wilmington, Del.	42	68	Clear	

Miniature Almanac.

Sun rises.	6:51
Moon sets.	6:56
Moon rises.	6:25

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High tide.	1:00 P. M.
Low tide.	5:04 P. M.